



Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District  
April 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
3021 Fullerton Road  
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

President Anthony J. Lima  
Vice President Vanessa Hsu  
Director Robert W. Lewis  
Director Szu Pei Lu-Yang  
Director John Bellah

**ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Byrne, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger  
Mike Ti, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Erin LaCombe, CV Strategies  
Geri Renswick, Member of the Public  
Debbie Tolbert, Member of the Public

**ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF**

Tom Coleman, General Manager  
Dusty Moisiso, Assistant General Manager  
Myra Malner, Director of Finance  
Allen Davidson, Director of Operations  
Gabriela Palomares, Executive Services Manager  
Elisabeth Mendez, Compliance & Safety Manager

**ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA – None.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Geri Renswick, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding proposed development projects in the City of Industry.

**DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE §54953(f)**

- Notifications Due to Just Cause – None.
- Requests Due to Emergency Circumstances – None.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Bellah, the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously (5-0) as follows:

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on March 10, 2026
- 1.2 Demands on General Fund Account for March 2026
- 1.3 Investment Report for February 2026
- 1.4 Water Purchases for February 2026
- 1.5 California Reservoir Conditions

The Board acknowledged the upcoming April 28 Special Board and May 19, 2026, Regular Board meetings.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**2.1 Review and Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for March 2026**

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lu-Yang, the Board unanimously approved the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report. (Motion carried 5-0)

**2.2 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District Representative Ballot**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang seconded by Director Hsu, the Board unanimously directed Board President Lima to cast the District's vote for candidate Robert Lewis for the Special District Representative position. (Motion carried 5-0)

**2.3 Consider Approval of Sponsorship for the Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo**

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously approved participation in a 'Rodeo Partner' sponsorship level for the Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo in an amount of \$500.

**2.4 Consider Approval of Sponsorship for the Rowland Unified School District Annual Classified School Employee Celebration**

Upon motion by Director Lu-Yang, seconded by Director Lewis, the Board unanimously approved a sponsorship for the Rowland Unified School District Annual Classified School Employee Celebration in an amount of \$500.

**3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**3.1 ACWA/JPIA Underground Storage Tank Pollution Liability Pooled Program Update**

Assistant General Manager Dusty Moisio referred to correspondence included in the Board packet received from the ACWA/JPIA and provided an overview of the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Pollution Liability Program. He advised that the JPIA had moved forward with the dissolution of this pooled program following a series of collaborative town hall meetings. As a result of the dissolution, participating agencies received a proportionate share of the program's net distributable equity. Mr. Moisio noted that the District received a refund in the amount of \$30,028.28.

## **4. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **4.1 Community Relations and Education Update**

The Board received updates on the District community engagement activities. General Manager Coleman presented awards of recognition received from the office of Senator Bob Archuleta, District 30, as well as the Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis for the District's contribution to the Kiwanis Club of the Heights Literacy Fair held on March 21. Following acknowledgment of these awards, Ms. Palomares, Executive Services Manager, showcased Earth Day Festival event pictures. She then reported on social media engagement.

Director of Operations Allen Davidson took a moment to speak on recent staff participation in a Los Angeles Regional Food Bank distribution event.

### **4.2 Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)**

Ms. Erin LaCombe reported on communications activities conducted on behalf of the District. She noted that Board President Lima was featured as an industry "Mover & Shaker" in the California Special Districts publication (Volume 21, Issue 2, March - April 2026). She also acknowledged coverage by China Press and provided updates on the District's history video, water quality report, and other matters of interest.

## **5. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, OR EVENTS (INCLUDING ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA)**

**5.1** Discussion was held regarding the Urban Water Institute's 2026 Annual Conference scheduled for August 19-21, 2026 (San Diego, CA)

Upon Motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Hsu, the Board authorized payment of per diem compensation and expenses for Board of Directors attendance at the Urban Water Institute's 2026 Annual Conference. (Motion carried 5-0)

**5.2** Board members interested in attending Three Valleys Municipal Water District Leadership Breakfast on June 25, 2026, were asked to notify staff accordingly.

## **6. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

**6.1** General Manager Tom Coleman reported on the Public Water Agencies Group (PWAG) position in opposition to AB 2013 (Bennett). He noted that PWAG, of which the District is a member, represents 21 public agencies and mutual water companies, and outlined concerns regarding the bill, including potential wildfire-related liability for water suppliers. He then provided an update on SB 1001 (Archuleta): Water utility workers: identification card program.

## **7. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

▪ General Manager Coleman presented Rowland Unified School District Resolution No. SO-25-26:20 in support of Designating May 2026 as Water Awareness Month. He noted that the resolution was adopted on April 13 during a Board of Education meeting.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 Joint Powers Insurance Authority** – Director Lu-Yang and Assistant General Manager Moisiso provided updates on JPIA Property Committee matters of interest to the District.

- 8.2 **Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD)** – TVMWD Board meetings of March 18 and April 1, 2026, were discussed. TVMWD representatives reported on Metropolitan Water District’s adoption of a two-year budget, SB 1001 (Archuleta), and noted the scheduling of a TVMWD Special Board meeting to be held on April 27, 2026.
- 8.3 **Association of California Water Agencies** – Director Lewis noted that the next ACWA Region 8 meeting will be held on June 26, 2026.
- 8.4 **Puente Basin Water Agency (PBWA)** – Board President Lima reported on business matters discussed at the April 2, 2026, PBWA meeting. He noted that approval of the budget will be considered at the June 4 meeting.
- 8.5 **Project Ad-Hoc Committee** – None.
- 8.6 **P-W-R Joint Waterline Commission** – None.
- 8.7 **Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC)** – Director Bellah and General Manager Coleman reported on RHCCC community matters discussed during the April 13 meeting.
- 8.8 **California Special District Association (CSDA) SGV Chapter** – None.
- 8.9 **Local Agency Formation Commission** – None.

**9. OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**9.1 Finance Report**

Director of Finance, Myra Malner, presented a year-to-date Financial Dashboard containing comparative graphs of Revenue and Expense by Category and Consumption by Class through February 2026 and answered questions posed by Board members.

**9.2 Operations Report**

Director of Operations Allen Davidson provided an Operations report detailing services completed during March 2026, explaining the Field Operations services listed below. He also presented additional Water Systems departmental updates such as leaks and fire hydrant data, and water quality results (total chlorine and nitrite).

Field Operations Activity Summary

- Water Samples – 227
- Site Inspections – 80
- Service Orders Completed – 336
- Meters Replaced – 32
- Modules Replaced – 37
- Dig Alerts – 406
- Leaks – 10
- System Valves Replaced – 1
- Air Releases Inspections – 1
- Fire Hydrant Repairs – 2
- Recycled Water Inspections – 16

**9.3 Project Update** – None.

**9.4 Personnel Report** – General Manager Tom Coleman reported on the status of the Water Systems Operator I and Customer Service Representative recruitments and ended with a note on the internship program.

**10. ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – None.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** – The Closed Session item listed on the agenda was not considered.

**a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 One case.

**General Manager’s and Directors’ Comments** – None.

**Future Agenda Item(s)** – None.

**Late Business** – None.

There being no further business, Director Lu-Yang adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

  
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ANTHONY J. DIMA  
Presiding Director

Attest:   
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TOM COLEMAN  
Board Secretary